

## **University Senate**

April 4, 2012

### **Members Present**

Members present at the meeting: 94

### **Call to Order**

Senate Chair Kasischke called the meeting to order at 3:17 p.m.

### **Approval of the Minutes**

Chair Kasischke asked for additions or corrections to the minutes of the March 8, 2012 meeting. Hearing none he declared the minutes approved as distributed.

### **Report of the Chair**

#### Committee Volunteer Period

Kasischke explained that the volunteer period for Senate standing committees was now open. He encouraged the campus community to volunteer to serve on a committee by going to [www.senate.umd.edu](http://www.senate.umd.edu). The deadline to volunteer is April 20, 2012.

#### Remaining Senate Meetings

Kasischke reminded Senators that there were only two more Senate meetings this academic year. The next meeting, on April 19, 2012 will be the last business meeting of the semester for outgoing senators. The May 3, 2012 transition meeting will be for all continuing and incoming senators. Martha Nell Smith will take over, as Senate Chair, and the Senate will vote for its next chair-elect and elected committees. The names of candidates running for the various committees and their candidacy statements will be distributed prior to that meeting.

### **Committee Reports**

#### **PCC Proposal to Establish a Post-Baccalaureate Certificate in Principles of Public Health (Senate Doc. No. 11-12-26) (Action)**

Elizabeth Beise, Member of the Programs, Curricula, & Courses (PCC) Committee, presented the PCC Proposal to Establish a Post-Baccalaureate Certificate in Principles of Public Health and provided background information. She explained that the proposal requests the establishment of a post-baccalaureate certificate.

Kasischke opened the floor to discussion of the proposal; hearing none, he called for a vote on the proposal. The result was 75 in favor, 4 opposed, and 2 abstentions. **The motion to approve the proposal passed.**

**PCC Proposal to Establish an Executive Master of Public Health in Public Health Practice and Policy (Senate Doc. No. 11-12-29) (Action)**

Elizabeth Beise, Member of the Programs, Curricula, & Courses (PCC) Committee, presented the PCC Proposal to Establish an Executive Master of Public Health in Public Health Practice and Policy and provided background information. She explained that the proposal requests the establishment of an executive masters degree program.

Kasischke opened the floor to discussion of the proposal; hearing none, he called for a vote on the proposal. The result was 78 in favor, 4 opposed, and 1 abstention. **The motion to approve the proposal passed.**

**PCC Proposal to Establish a Bachelor of Arts in Film Studies (Senate Doc. No. 11-12-33) (Action)**

Elizabeth Beise, Member of the Programs, Curricula, & Courses (PCC) Committee, presented the PCC Proposal to Establish a Bachelor of Arts in Film Studies and provided background information. She explained that the proposal requests the establishment of a Bachelor of Arts in Film Studies.

Kasischke opened the floor to discussion of the proposal.

Senator Gabriel, Faculty, College of Engineering, asked whether the program included filmmaking or just film analysis and history.

Beise responded that the program does not include the actual making of film.

Senator Cooperman, Faculty, College of Arts & Humanities, asked whether there was a mechanism for allocating space, funding, and directing the program, since the program is jointly offered and administered by two different units. How does this fit into a turf-controlled University structure? Has PCC addressed issues of how the program will be administered in order to be successful?

Beise responded that the PCC did hear about how the two units are collaborating to allocate resources and instructional load. Space allocation is done at the level of the college. In general, these issues were heard and discussed and the PCC had discussed whether what was proposed was reasonable.

Seeing no further discussion, Kasischke called for a vote on the proposal. The result was 76 in favor, 7 opposed, and 3 abstentions. **The motion to approve the proposal passed.**

**PCC Proposal to Establish an Area of Concentration in Conducting for the Doctor of Musical Arts Degree Program (Senate Doc. No. 11-12-34) (Action)**

Elizabeth Beise, Member of the Programs, Curricula, & Courses (PCC) Committee, presented the PCC Proposal to Establish an Area of Concentration in Conducting for the Doctor of Musical Arts Degree Program and provided background information. She explained that the proposal requests the establishment of an area of concentration in conducting for the Doctor of Music Arts degree program.

Kasischke opened the floor to discussion of the proposal; hearing none, he called for a vote on the proposal. The result was 88 in favor, 1 opposed, and 1 abstention. **The motion to approve the proposal passed.**

**Special Order of the Day**  
**Ann Wylie, Senior Vice President and Provost**  
***Why is the University Considering Differential Tuition?***

Kasischke explained that Provost Wylie had an unavoidable conflict and could not present the special order as anticipated. We will reschedule the presentation for a Senate meeting in the near future.

**Adjournment**

Senate Chair Kasischke adjourned the meeting at 3:36 p.m.